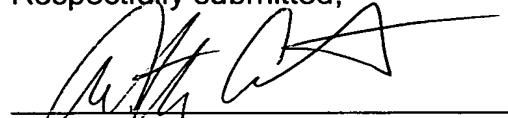


## REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled Claims 5 and 11-14, rewritten Claims 1-4 and 6-10 and added Claims 15-17. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment. The claims have been rewritten for grammatical purposes only to comply with US requirements. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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